IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A communication apparatus, comprising:

a controller;

an interface, configured to receive an electronic message;

a display; and

a memory,

wherein said electronic message has a control data portion and a message data portion, the control data portion including a telephone number for a mobile telecommunication system,

wherein said memory is configured to store a directory, said directory comprising at least one record, said record comprising an identification of a person, a telephone number, and an association between the telephone number and at least one predefined icon, said at least one predefined icon also being stored in the memory~~image data representing at least one predefined icon to be presented on said display so as to indicate receipt of said electronic message~~,

~~wherein~~

~~said memory is further configured to store an association between the or each predefined icon and a sender of electronic messages;~~

and wherein said controller is configured to extract the telephone number included in the control data portion of the electronic message, ~~determine a sender of said received electronic message~~matching the telephone number with one telephone number stored in the memory, ~~to match the sender thus determined with the or each predefined icon by way of said association,~~ and to present a matching icon associated with said telephone number, if any, on said display to indicate receipt of said received electronic message ~~as well as the sender thereof,~~

wherein said ~~electronic message is of a type having a control data portion and a message data portion, the control data portion includes a message sender identity, and the sender of said received electronic message is determined from the message sender identity~~ displayed matching icon is for use by a user of the apparatus to identify a sender of the electronic message according to the identification of the person stored with the telephone number in the record, wherein said identification is not displayed with the icon.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said electronic message is a short message service message or a multimedia message service message.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein ~~said message sender identity is a telephone number for a mobile telecommunications system,~~ said mobile telecommunication system is one of the following: Global System for Mobile communications (GSM), Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS), Digital Advanced Mobile Phone System (D-AMPS) and Code Division Multiple Access 2000 (CDMA2000).

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller is further configured to simultaneously present a plurality of matching icons on said display to indicate a corresponding plurality of received messages.

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller is further configured to display, for each presented matching icon, a numeric indicator to indicate a current number of unread messages received from a respective sender associated with each presented matching icon.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said controller is further configured to enhance the presentation of the or each presented icon with one or more of the following ~~a~~ visual effects: ~~such as~~ animation, scrolling, morphing, flashing ~~or~~ and changing colors.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 1, ~~further comprising at least one of~~ wherein the directory comprises a phonebook, an address book or a contact book, and wherein the association between the telephone number and the at least one ~~or each~~

predefined icon ~~and a sender of electronic messages~~ is stored in an entry in said phonebook, address book or contact book.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the association comprises a link to an image file, which is stored outside of said phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry but inside said memory, and which contains image data that defines the or each predefined icon.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the association comprises image data that defines the or each predefined icon and is stored in said phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 1, further comprising an element for adding a new icon to said memory, and an element for generating in said memory a new association between said new icon and a ~~sender of electronic messages~~telephone number in a record in the directory.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein said element for adding a new icon comprises an image editor in said apparatus.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein said element for adding a new icon comprises a communications interface of said communication apparatus.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 15, wherein said communications interface is at least one of:

a serial interface;

a short-range supplementary radio data interface;

a wireless application protocol compatible interface; and

a radio frequency interface for a mobile telecommunications system.

17. (Currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 15, wherein said communications interface is the same as said interface ~~adapted~~ configured to receive ~~an~~ the electronic message.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein said communication apparatus is a portable telecommunication apparatus.

19. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

receiving an electronic message, said electronic message having a control data portion and a message data portion, the control data portion including a telephone number for a mobile telecommunication system;

~~storing at least one predefined icon,~~

~~storing an association between the or each predefined icon and a sender of electronic messages~~extracting the telephone number from the control data portion of the electronic message;

~~determining a sender of a received electronic message~~matching the telephone number with one telephone numbers stored in a directory, said directory comprising one or more records, each record comprising an identification of a person, a telephone number, and an association between said telephone number and at least one predefined icon; and

displaying a matching icon, if any, that associates with the telephone number; ~~represents the sender of the received electronic message to indicate said received electronic message as well as the sender thereof,~~

wherein said displayed matching icon is for use by a user to identify a sender of the electronic message according to the identification of the person stored with the telephone number in the record, wherein said identification is not displayed with the icon. ~~electronic message is of a type having a control data portion and a message data portion, the control data portion includes a message sender identity, and the sender of the electronic message is determined from the message sender identity.~~

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 19, wherein said electronic message is an short message service message or multimedia message service message.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages, so that a corresponding plurality of matching icons, if any, are displayed simultaneously.

25. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages so that only the last received message, irrespective of sender, is indicated by its matching icon, if any.

26. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 19, performed repeatedly for a plurality of received messages so that each displayed matching icon, if any, is provided with a numeric indicator to indicate the current number of unread messages received from the sender associated with the displayed matching icon.

27. (Currently amended) The method as in claim 19, wherein the displaying of the or each matching icon is enhanced with ~~a~~ one or more of the following visual effects: ~~such as~~ animation, scrolling, morphing, flashing ~~or~~ and changing colors.

28. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 19, wherein a default icon is displayed on to indicate said received electronic message, in case no matching icon has been determined.

29. (Currently amended) The method as in claim 19, wherein the directory comprises a phonebook, an address book or a contact book, and wherein the association between the telephone number and the at least one ~~or each~~ predefined icon ~~and a sender of electronic messages~~ is stored in a phonebook entry, an address book entry or a contact book entry.

30. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 29, wherein the association comprises a link to an image file, which is stored outside of said phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry, and which contains image data that defines the or each predefined icon.

31. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 29, wherein the association comprises image data that defines the or each predefined icon and is stored in said phonebook entry, address book entry or contact book entry.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) The method as in claim 19, further comprising adding a new icon and generating a new association between said new icon and a ~~sender of electronic messages~~telephone number in a record in the directory.

34. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 33, wherein said adding is preceded by generating said new icon locally by way of an image editor.

35. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 34, wherein said adding is preceded by receiving said new icon through a communications interface.

36. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 35, wherein said communications interface is at least one of:

a serial interface;

a short-range supplementary radio data interface;

a wireless application protocol compatible interface; and

a radio frequency interface for a mobile telecommunications system.

37. (Previously presented) The method as in claim 36, wherein said communications interface is the same as the one through which said electronic message is received.

38. (Currently amended) The method as in claim 19, wherein ~~said~~ a communication apparatus is configured to perform the method, said communication apparatus is a portable telecommunication apparatus, and wherein the apparatus is used as a mobile terminal for one or more of the following telecommunication systems: Global System for Mobile communications (GSM), Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS), Digital Advanced Mobile Phone System (D-AMPS) and Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) 2000.

39 - 47. (Canceled)